DEWAN: You say that you have no control over drainage. Even if you are entrusted with that work, you say you have not the required funds. Hence Government have to do it. If there is one thing, more than anything else, that a Municipality has to attend to, it is the drainage of the town. Well, as I said, I do not want to refer to the various resolutions of the Municipal Council. So far as drainage is concerned, as you yourself say, Government have thought of taking it up. But it is a matter which requires investigation; and I expect to have the investigation taken up before long.

As regards poor-house, the Municipality should formulate a scheme and then send it up to Government.

My answer as regards prohibition is what you anticipated. Your suggestion with regard to the location of shops—you say there are some shops in front of schools, etc.,—will be considered.

Your points about means of communication will, as you yourself anticipated, be referred to the Road Board.

With regard to Tamil Elementary Schools, you cannot expect all schools to be opened by Government. It is a matter for private enterprise. As a matter of fact, there is a Tamil school at Chalai which is a private one. If such institutions are started, Government are prepared to help them with grants. Your suggestion that there should be at least two or three departmental schools will be noted.

The re-distribution of offices is perhaps an easy scheme to suggest but a difficult one to pursue; and I do not think I can say that Government are in a position to accept that suggestion of yours.

You say that Trivandrum must be selected as one of the health units. This matter has not yet been settled. Dr. Jacocks of the Rockefeller Foundation is investigating which localities should be made health units. Your suggestion that Trivandrum should be made a health unit will be referred to Dr. Jacocks and considered in that connection.

79. Needs of the Trivandrum taluk.

MR. T. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Trivandrum taluk, Group I*) before talking upon his subject, supported the prayer of Mr S. Nataraja Pillai for the opening of Tamil schools in the Trivandrum town for the benefit of the Tamil speaking people.

DEWAN: You are not allowed to do that as it is not included in the memorandum of your subject.

The member then spoke on the need for the following public works in the taluk:—

(1) Extension of the new road from Petta to Kulattur. Two miles of the road had already been finished. There was still only a length of 1½ miles, which should be finished as early as possible.

(2) Conversion, into a cart road, of the foot-path from Kusakod to Trikkannapuram in the Anchamada *pakuthi*. The Minor Irrigation Committee had also recommended the road.

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(3) Conversion of the foot-path from near the Police Station at Vattiyurkavu to Marathummood into a cart road and construction of a wooden bridge across the Killiyar. This road was an absolute necessity for the inhabitants of the Anchamada and Aramada *pakuthies*, especially during the rainy season.

(4) The road starting from the south-eastern gate of the Public Offices and leading to Pazhavangadi should be widened and provided with electric lights. Since the electrification of the main roads, the municipal lamps on the road were not properly lighted.

(5) The road from Rathappurakkunnu to Jagati *via* Marutankuzhi should also be provided with electric lights. The Municipality was not doing anything for lighting the road which was infested with snakes.

(6) Early conversion of the foot-path from near the Pothenkod market to the 16th mile of the M. C. road into a cart road and provision of the necessary culverts. The land required for the road had already been acquired.

(7) The lane leading from the Sankrit College to Attani should be converted into a cart road. It was very useful for the students going to the Sanskrit College from Attani and other places and for the pupils attending the Vanchiyur School from Perumtanni and the surrounding places.

(8) Restoration of the tanks in the Anchamada and Aramada *pakuthies* and making them fit for irrigation.

The leper asylum was situated in a thickly populated place and near the Palace. Further, the water contaminated by the inmates of the asylum was flowing down to the Padmatirthem tank used by a large number of people. The asylum should be removed to a thinly populated place.

The Ayurveda Hospital in the town was located on a small site. The accommodation too was insufficient, there being only 8 beds. The hospital should be removed to a suitable site and housed in a more commodious building. The inhabitants of Anchamada and Aramada *pakuthies* were suffering from want of proper medical relief. A Government Ayurvedic dispensary should therefore be opened at Tirumala or Sastamangalam.

Another important need of the town was proper buildings for the District and Munsiffs' Courts. The existing buildings were quite unsatisfactory. The subject was represented at the 24th session also and then it was stated that the matter was under consideration. Even mofussil courts were housed in decent buildings.

The Division Assistant could not devote all his time to magisterial work, as he had to attend to *Jamabandi* and other items of revenue work. It would therefore be desirable to invest the Town Magistrate with First Class Magisterial powers.

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A dispensary should be opened in a central place, in Pallipuram.

Lastly, a Stationary Magistrate's Court should be opened at Kazhakkuttam.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Padmanabha Pillai, I must say that the first part of your speech disappointed me a bit. I think you enumerated a number of points. You took up all your time on the first part of your speech relating to means of communication and dealt at length on each one of the several items, with the result that you had no time for concentrating upon such of the points as you thought deserved special attention.

Points 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 14, as you anticipated, will be referred to the Road Board.

As regards the restoration of tanks, it is a matter which will be taken up by the Minor Irrigation Committee.

You urge the removal of the Leper Asylum from its present site. It is a matter which is already engaging the attention of Government. When they are able to get a site at Adoor or elsewhere in the Kunnattur taluk for that purpose, it will be considered.

Then as regards the Ayurveda hospital, I understand from your representation that you wanted not so much the opening of a new hospital as the removal of the dispensary from its present site.

MEMBER: Yes, Sir.

DEWAN: Well, that suggestion of yours will be noted for consideration.

The construction of suitable buildings for the District and Munsiffs' Courts at Trivandrum is one that has been engaging the attention of Government. There are various schemes, some very ambitious. I can assure you that this is a matter which the Government are not likely to lose sight of.

You say that the Town Magistrate should be invested with the powers of a First Class Magistrate. So far as my information goes, the Town Magistrate has his hands already full. Your suggestion will result in lightening the work of one court and increasing that of another. I do not think that your suggestion would be a favourable one to the Town Magistrate.

Then you wanted a dispensary to be opened at Pallippuram. So many requests have been received from different localities for the opening of dispensaries and hospitals. Government have decided that it is better not to deal with that matter piecemeal; and they are asking the Medical Board to draft a scheme for opening dispensaries and hospitals in places where they are urgently required. Your suggestion will also be referred to the Board.

As regards the Stationary Magistrate's Court at Kazhakuttam, Government are not satisfied as to its necessity.

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